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SUBJECT: FRENCH REACTION TO US HANDLING OF DEMARCHE
ON TRANSIT ROUTE DIFFICULTIES

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1. DURING AUGUST 1 CONVERSATION DEVOTED LARGELY TO
OTHER MATTERS INCLUDING CHARGE'S EXPRESSION OF
APPRECIATION FOR FRENCH COOPERATION IN HANDLING CYPRUS
DISPUTE BEFORE UNSC, QUAI ACTING POLITICAL DIRECTOR
ARNAUD EXPRESSED "DISAPPOINTMENT" THAT THE UNITED
STATES HAD MADE AN INFORMAL BILATERAL APPROACH TO THE
SOVIETS ON THE BERLIN ACCESS INTERFERENCE PROBLEM AND
THEREFORE WANTED TO AWAIT THE RESULTS OF ITS APPROACH
BEFORE AGREEING IN BONN TO AN ALLIED PROTEST TO THE SOVIETS.
ARNAUD SAID FRANCE IS GENERALLY VERY SATISFIED WITH
ALLIED COOPERATION ON GERMAN MATTERS BUT SAID THAT IF
ONE OF THE ALLIES BEGINS TO TREAT ALONE WITH THE USSR,
IT WILL GET ALL OF THEM INTO TROUBLE. IT WILL ALLOW
THE SOVIETS TO PLAY THEM OFF AGAINST EACH OTHER, HE
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ADDED, AND SUCH BILATERAL TALKS ARE "DANGEROUS".

2. CHARGE REPLIED THAT ALTHOUGH HE WAS NOT AWARE OF THE DETAILS OF THE PROBLEM AS PRESENTED BY ARNAUD, HE WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT THERE MAY, IN FACT, NOT YET HAVE BEEN AGREEMENT AMONG THE ALLIES ON LANGUAGE FOR THE PROTEST TO THE SOVIETS. ARNAUD REJOINED THAT EVEN THOUGH SUCH WAS THE CASE, THIS WAS PERIPHERAL TO THE PRINCIPLE OF THE NECESSITY FOR MULTILATERAL ALLIED DEMARCHES TO THE SOVIETS WHICH HE WISHED TO EMPHASIZE. CHARGE UNDERTOOK TO INFORM DEPARTMENT OF THIS FRENCH REACTION.
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